

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)
DECEMBER 9, 2005
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Terrence McGaw, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Maggie Carlton
Jeffrey Wrightson, MD
Beverly Neyland, MD
Michelle Kling, RN, MS
T.J. (Terri) Rosenberg
Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall
Bonnie Sorenson, RN
Suzanne Magleby, MSW
Raquel Knecht, MA

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tyree Davis, DDS

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Debra Wagler, Health Program Manager 1, Real Choice Coordinator, BFHS
Jessica Cowee, Health Program Specialist 1, Abstinence Education Coordinator, BFHS
Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS
Bob Salcido, Program Manager, Bureau of Community Health Services (BCHS)
Doug Banghart, Health Program Specialist 1, Immunization Program

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Nowak, Chief, Medicaid Managed Care, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)
Betsy Aiello, Chief, Nevada ✓ Check Up, (DHCFP)
Robbin Palmer, Ph.D., Genetics Counselor
Angela Berg, RN, Sierra Nevada Immunization Clinic

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Terrence McGaw called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:45 a.m.** videoconferenced, at the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT); Carson City; NDOT, Las Vegas. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; NDOT, Las Vegas; NDOT, Carson City, and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

Genie Orenschall motioned to approve the minutes, Michelle Kling seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

HEALTH DIVISION REPORT

Tabled.

BOARD ELECTIONS OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Dr. Terrence McGaw was nominated as Chairman. Assemblywoman Orenshall motioned to approve, Ms. Kling seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** Senator Maggie Carlton was nominated as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Beverly Neyland motioned to approve, Ms. Kling seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE INCLUDING A REPORT ON IMMUNIZATION AND PROCESS OF NEW MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS

Phil Nowak gave an update on the repurchase with HMO Plans. He reported the Requests for Proposals (RFP) were successful. He noted there were responses by five different health plans. A selection panel met and recommended Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield (ABC/BS) including Well Point which is part of ABC/BS. Mr. Nowak stated the state is on track developing a contract which will be submitted in January to the Board of Examiners for approval, resulting in the new contract start date July 1, 2006. Once the contract has been signed, an open enrollment for Medicaid, Nevada √ Check Up will occur. Nevada Care members will have to make a selection to which plan they choose. Mr. Nowak stated Immunization reimbursements for registration fees to the CCHD and WCDHD will be billed by adding an item to the contract stating if the Health Departments bill, then the plans will pay. Mr. Nowak noted the type of billing portion is still being worked out. Ms. Kling noted it would be better to have electronic billing. Rurals and SSI remain fee for service.

UPDATE ON NEVADA √ CHECK UP

Betsy Aiello stated the Nevada √ Check Up census reached 1,000 more in December 2005 than it did December 2004; however, within the last five months, the census has dropped 100-200. Compared to the national statistics, Nevada's percentage had been a little higher. Nevada √ Check Up had been receiving the same amount of applications every month for 2005, as in 2004. More people have been dropping off of the program due to going over the allowable income. Ms. Aiello noted all of the outreach marketing comes from the Covering Kids and Family Grant, which will not be renewed, and end in August, 2006. Ms. Aiello also noted the Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA) Waiver will allow for children age one and under, in a certain group will be qualified for Medicaid instead of Nevada √ Check Up. Once they reach age one they will be turned over to Nevada √ Check Up. The waiver is being looked into to see if it allows pregnant women to stay on longer.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION STAFF

Judith Wright stated she had met with the WCDHD on November 10, 2005, and several ideas were obtained to increase the immunization rates. One was how active the northern coalition is, and the possibility of getting the Southern Nevada Coalition revitalized. The coalition periodically trains day care providers and schools on how to read immunization records and have made them aware of the immunization registry. There have been satellite clinics at schools and family resource centers; however, those were poorly attended. One item being looked at is having immunizations put on the Women Infant and Children (WIC) smart cards. Ms. Wright also noted 84% of WIC participants are immunized. It was mentioned Bob Salcido had written the report on some ideas to increase immunization rates, and it will be emailed to the members.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF CHILDREN'S IMMUNIZATION IN NEVADA AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS LISA DETTLING, ANGELA BERG, RN, BSN, CARI ROVIG, MBA, AND PHILLIP NOWAK TO THE BOARD'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATIONS AND DIRECTION TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND/OR STAFF

Ms. Kling noted Lisa Dettling, the director of Health and Wellness at St. Mary's Health Network, was one of the key members of the Northern Nevada Immunization Coalition, and played a huge role in leading the coalition forward. Cari Rovig is the current director of the Immunization Coalition and has lots of experience of running the coalition. Mr. Nowak work with Medicaid, and Angela Berg stated she is exited to have the opportunity to get positive changes for immunizations in Nevada. Assemblywoman Orenshall motioned to approve nominees to the subcommittee. Dr. Neyland seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

It was noted an outcome for the committee is to possibly revitalize the 1993 Immunization Coalition action plan; assess where the gaps are; what is already in place, address the new immunizations available and finding ways of getting funding for the new immunizations to patients. It was noted to possibly propose a legislative agenda on the committee to receive funding, and the registry's potential and having it actualized. Assembly Orenshall motioned to approve the list of potential outcomes but not limited to these. Dr. Neyland seconded. It was mentioned the ages the immunizations will be targeting ages 1-20. **MOTION APPROVED.**

SET DATE OF FIRST MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATIONS

It was discussed the meeting will be January 20, 2006, teleconferenced.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF THE STATE HEALTH DIVISION'S STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF FOR INDICATORS TO BE INCLUDED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF NEVADA'S HEALTH OUTCOMES

Ms. Wright gave an overview of the strategic planning. Nevada no longer needs to be 50th in the nation. Biennium budgets are developing around the first of the year. Two main focus areas are public health indicators and public health infrastructure. To help improve the health of Nevadans the Health Division (HD) will be targeting resources to public health indicators, such as childhood immunizations, HIV/AIDS, reducing teen pregnancy rate, disease prevention, public health workers, schools, access to prenatal care with wrap around services which include domestic violence, screening, nutrition, substance abuse, community health nursing, dental services, immunizations, mental health, primary care, data, and electronic support. The main goal is to raise public awareness of what public health is and what it does so the community owns it not just those who work in public health. Ms. Wright asked the Board if they could think of anything they feel had been missed with the selections stated. It was noted teen pregnancy prevention within the Hispanic community. Senator Carlton stated there are many mothers who are undocumented. One dollar in prevention could save thousands of dollars in treatment after birth. She would like to back date prenatal care and if hospitals and Medicaid are willing to comply it would be a great way for mothers to receive care and allow women not to be afraid of being reported, or possibly deported. T.J. Rosenberg noted there are several undocumented families with disabilities such as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and could not receive services while pregnant which would be beneficial. Dr. Neyland noted mental health is an issue with adolescents. Dr. Neyland also noted obesity is a problem. Bonnie Sorenson stated she would like to see something resolving tobacco use. It was also noted there needs to be emphasis on community health nursing in the urban areas.

SET BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT CALANDER YEAR

It was discussed the meetings will be held March 17, July 7, September 22, and December 1, 2006. Assemblywoman Ornenhall motioned to approve the meetings dates. Senator Carlton seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.** All will be videoconferenced except the meeting July 7, which will be in Reno.

PRESENTATION OF THE FFY06 ABSTINENCE EDUCATION GRANT

Jessica Cowee stated in 2002, Nevada was the 10th highest state in birth rate. An RFP established two subgrants in Clark and Washoe County. Washoe County also received funding for Positive Choices, Positive Futures. It was noted a lot of sex education materials have been purchased for the Clark County School District (CCSD) which were approved by the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) and Board of Trustees. Ms. Cowee stated she will be tracking Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) and will include the information in her annual report. It was mentioned there was 165 percent increase in syphilis in Clark County in 2005, ages ranging from 13-67.

STAFF REPORTS AND BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Wright mentioned Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) will be having Town-Hall meetings, one January 17, 2006 in Las Vegas, and the other January 23, 2006 in Reno from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Ms. Wright also mentioned the HD was approved a 5-year Injury Prevention grant. The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program is looking into adding Cystic Fibrosis to Newborn Screenings. A new Family Services Specialist had been hired. Prasanjit Chakma is in the process of receiving data from the hospitals in Washoe County and will have a full data in the spring of 2006. Adolescent Health partnered with Head Start and had a planning summit. Ms. Wright also mentioned, and encouraged the members to check out the CSHCN website to obtain some great information. CSHCN also is looking into finding alternate ways of changing the words "Birth Defects" for children who are born with problems. The Oral Health Program had completed the senior screening survey and is currently working on an annual report. Chris Forsch had been nominated for the president of the American Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. WIC has continued to set records resulting at 48,500 participants in August. It is estimated there will be 56,000 participants in 2006 and 60,000 in 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Robbin Palmer stated the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed a booklet called Genetics Population Health in 2005. It is available online @ www.cdc.gov/genomics. Senator Carlton noted she is in the process of working with 28 families from Mississippi impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Suzanne Magleby briefly noted there were 4500 people from the Hurricane Katrina Relief who came through Nevada, with an estimate of 2500 staying.

Meeting adjourned at **11:55 a.m.**